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April 8, 1996

Mr. Benito Garcia, Chief
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 permitting to
 "fine-tune"
 NMED priorities
 (multi-year)
 for LANL)*

Re: Revised priorities for deliverables/field work at Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM0890010515)

Dear Mr. Garcia:

During a meeting between the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on March 28, 1996, both parties discussed proposed FY96 through FY98 schedules for field work and deliverables at high priority sites at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The following sites were determined to be of the highest priority to NMED; however, the schedules for work at these sites was either not listed by LANL for the above timeframe or needs to be expedited.

1. Workplan for Mortandad Canyon: The due date is currently March 26, 1997 which is acceptable. This work plan must include an sampling plans which evaluate the effects of solid waste management unit 50-006(d).
2. Workplans for other canyons needs to be expedited, and Teri Davis has agreed to prioritize work in this area.
3. SWMU 50-001(a) is indicated in Department of Energy Risk Data Sheets to have known leakage and a plume from the Liquid Radioactive Waste Treatment Plant. The work plan for this SWMU was approved in April 1993; however no work is indicated as occurring at this site through FY98. LANL needs to provide a schedule for this site, and move it into the FY97-FY98 time frame.



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4. LANL needs to submit a schedule for addressing the following units: 16-016(a,b), 16-010(b) and any SWMUs from Technical Area 15 which drain into Cañon de Valle. NMED expressed concern about contamination from these sites, as well as others, migrating through the canyon. Schedules for other sites of concern were listed as being completed during the FY96 through FY98 timeframe.

EPA is providing a separate letter expressing concern over the schedules for work at Technical Area 54. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll at (214) 665-7441.

Sincerely,


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Facilities Section